

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1 – 55. (cancelled)

56. (New) A method for lowering serum level of cholesterol comprising the step of orally administering a composition comprising a mixture of policosanols, said mixture consisting essentially of from about 1 % to about 10% by weight of 1-octadecanol, from about 5% to about 25% by weight of 1-icosanol, from about 20% to about 60 % by weight of 1-docosanol, from about 20 % to about 50 % by weight of 1-tetracosanol and from about 1 % to about 5 % by weight of 1-hexacosanol.

57. (New) A method for lowering serum level of cholesterol comprising the step of orally administering a composition comprising a mixture of policosanols, said mixture consisting essentially of from about 1 % to about 5 % by weight of 1-icosanol, from about 5 % to about 30 % by weight of 1-docosanol, from about 20 % to about 60 % by weight of 1-tetracosanol and from about 15 % to about 50 % by weight of 1-hexacosanol.

58. (New) The method of claim 56 wherein the composition further comprises adding the composition to a food substance selected from the group consisting of edible oil, margarine, butter, salad dressing, milk and beverages.

59. (New) The method of claim 56 further comprises one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carrier components.

61. (New) The method of claim 59 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier components are selected from the group of binders, lubricants, stabilizers, preservatives, diluents or coating agents.

62. (New) The method of claim 57 wherein the composition further comprises adding the composition to a food substance selected from the group consisting of edible oil, margarine, butter, salad dressing, milk and beverages.

63. (New) The method of claim 57 further comprises one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carrier components.

64. (New) The method of claim 63 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier components are selected from the group of binders, lubricants, stabilizers, preservatives, diluents or coating agents.